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1. A TRADE AGREEMENT, INVOLVING REPRESENTATION AND
THE SALE OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WAS SIGNED IN KINGSTON,
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, BY JAMAICA AND THE SOVIET UNION.
THE AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER,
MR. P.J. PATTERSON, PROVIDES FOR JAMAICA BUYING AN
UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY OF SOVIET MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ON
A DEFERRED PAYMENT BASIS (NO VALUE FIGURE CITED), AND THE
EXHIBITION OF JAMAICAN AND SOVIET MADE PRODUCTS IN TRADE
FAIRS TO BE HELD IN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY
IN JAMAICA IS TO BE STRENGTHENED TO IMPLEMENT THE
AGREEMENT. THE JAMAICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WILL SERVE AS
JAMAICA'S TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.

2. THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED THREE DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN A TEAM FROM JAMAICA LED BY MR. DERRICK HEAVEN,
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND THE RUSSIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE,
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MR. ALEXEI MANZHULO. THE AGREEMENT IS THE SECOND TO BE
SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ON NOVEMBER 30, BOTH
COUNTRIES SIGNED A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
AFTER SIX DAYS OF TALKS IN KINGSTON (SEE REFTEL).

3. AT THE SIGNING, MR. PATTERSON SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATING
TEAMS HAD IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC COMMODITIES IN WHICH

TRADE COULD BE DEVELOPED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT NAME ANY, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE LIST WILL INCLUDE PIMENTO, ALUMINA AND POSSIBLY SUGAR FROM JAMAICA. HOWEVER, "MUCH MORE IS LEFT TO BE DONE AND IT WAS FOR BOTH SIDES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE IN THE NEW YEAR TO DEVELOP THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE." HE SAID. MR. MANZHULO EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

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